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NEW MARKET METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

1926-1927

MARYLAND LINE

PRIVATE

This spacious, L-shaped church in yellow brick was a late example of Gothic Revival, put up by Harry Waltemeyer, architect, and George Hauf, contractor, both local residents. The gothic elements are confined to the lancet windows, which contain colored glass panes. There is a battlemented entrance tower-belfry, set within the inside angle of the two wings; a covered entrance pediment shelters the double doors. The entrance pediment is decorated with a latticework of spokes or dowells that are found on the Victorian structures in the town. Interior detailing is of chestnut wood, including folding wooden doors at the rear of the nave. Foundation is of poured concrete. The design represents a trend toward simplification of detailing without entirely departing from the forms of the Gothic Revival and Victorian. The congregation itself dates from 1834.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC NEW MARKET METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

AND/OR COMMON

Maryland Line United Methodist Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

21,500 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Maryland Line

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland Line

COUNTY

Baltimore County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☒ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**NAME Maryland Line U. M. Church
c/o Rev. Roland Kirk

Telephone #: 357-8000

STREET & NUMBER

21,500 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Maryland Line

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21105

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. County Courts Building

Liber #: EKH JR. 5752

Folio #: 848

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE NONE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CHURCH

CONDITION

—EXCELLENT —DETERIORATED
—GOOD —RUINS
—FAIR —UNEXPOSED

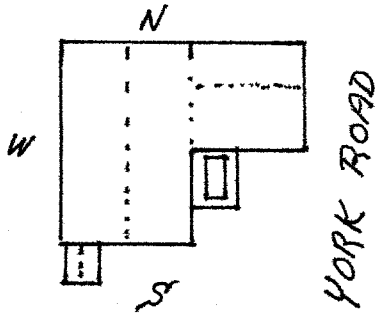
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—UNALTERED
—ALTERED

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—ORIGINAL SITE
—MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE



The Maryland Line U. M. Church is a basically L-shaped, gable-roofed structure in a modified Gothic Revival style. The church is of yellow brick with prominently overhanging eaves. The entrance spire is set in the inside bend of the L, and the paneled double doors are sheltered by a cantilevered pediment with a lancet window, prominently overhanging eaves, and a lattice decoration of machine-

turned dowels or spokes, more Victorian than typical of 1927. This entrance is reached by 8 poured concrete steps, descending to both east and south.

The street facade contains, in addition to the entrance bay, three bays in the gable end of the church; the bays contain one wide, three-part lancet window flanked by two narrow lancet windows. All the lancet windows are set in pointed brick arches. A round gable peak window is surrounded by inset decorative stones that form a Maltese cross.

The other leg of the L faces south and its westernmost bay is attached to a shallow gable-roofed entrance vestibule, with a paneled door set under a lancet transom. The other two bays contain a broad lancet window (in the center) and a smaller lancet window. The high gable peak window here is also circular and decorated with inset stones as is the round window facing the street.

A fourth bay is formed by the south wall of the entrance spire and is filled in with a lancet window.

The north wall of the church faces the parsonage and is less developed, five bays deep, providing the side wall of one leg of the L and the gable end of the nave. In addition to basement windows, this north facade contains four small lancet windows and one large lancet window, suitable for forming the end of a nave. A slender brick inside chimney rises behind the first bay west of the street facade.

The west facade of the church is lost, merged with an educational building built sometime after 1959.

The bell tower has an open platform topped by four pointed arches. The tower is battlemented on top. The upper section is built of mismatching brick, suggesting that construction was resumed after a long lapse, although the 1927

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dedication program shows the church as it is today.

Foundation is of poured concrete.

The interior of the church is finely detailed and all wooden elements are solid chestnut, including folding wooden doors at the back of the church. The various lancet windows are of stained glass, mainly of decorative figures and designs. The unsightly dwelling immediately south of the church was removed in 1979.

8 SIGNIFICANCE**NEW MARKET METHODIST
PROTESTANT CHURCH**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1926-27

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Harry Waltemeyer, Architect
George Hauf, Contractor**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Maryland Line United Methodist Church is a relatively young building, but is descended from a congregation founded in 1834 when the town was but a few houses. The leading men of the town, Dr. Ephraim Bell, David Sampson, Thomas Wantland, James A. Standiford, and Joshua Hendrix were the founders. (1) By 1834, they had acquired a pastor, and by 1838, they had put up the first church structure. (2)

This congregation was originally named the New Market Methodist Protestant Church. Its rival farther down the York Road was the Asbury M.E. Church, but both groups eventually came together in 1939. (3)

By the first quarter of the 20th century, the New Market church had become inadequate, and quite a large new structure was put up over 1926-1927. The cornerstone reads "New Market M.P. Church, 1926." The dedication program records that at the cornerstone laying on September 5, 1926, the Ku Klux Klan had been invited to participate in the ceremony. (4) Dedication took place on October 27, 1927. The booklet distributed that day states that the first design had been rejected, and mentions "Mr. Harry Waltemeyer, our popular architect," who also did the carpentry work. J. Fred Hauf was credited with the poured concrete foundation, George Hauf with the brickwork. The wall material was acquired from Peerless Brick and Cement Company of York, Pennsylvania. (5)

This large and handsome church, large enough for a small city, serves a town of 281 population, and in early 1980, the church secretary, Thelma Kempke, was quoted about the high costs of operating:

At the United Methodist Church, fuel costs are the main problem—they went up from \$2,000 to \$5,000 this year—and even though the 100 active worshippers have dug deeper to pay for increasing expenses, Thelma Kempke, church secretary, is worried that the church will have to close down and

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consolidate with other area congregations.

"We don't turn on the heat unless we have a big crowd," Kempke said. "If it's just three or four people using the church, we leave our coats on." (6)

NOTES:

1. Maryland Line Methodist Church, 125th Anniversary and Annual Homecoming (Maryland Line, October 1959), p. 6.
2. Baltimore City Deeds, TK 278:109, deed for meeting house lot, from Solomon and Mary Cox to Trustees, March 29, 1838.
3. Recitation of merger, etc., Deeds RRG 4097:334. See also, Incorporations, WPC 6:1; Incorporations GLB 32:390 (1857).
4. Dedication Service, New Market M.P. Church (Maryland Line, October 16, 1927). pp. 3-5, 7-9.
5. Dedication Service, p. 9.
6. Joe Calderone, "Maryland Line Neighbors Pull Together," Baltimore News American, March 20, 1980, p. 8A.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dedication Service, New Market M.P. Church (Maryland Line, October 16, 1927).

Maryland Line Methodist Church, 125th Anniversary of Founding of Church and Annual Homecoming (Maryland Line, October 1959).

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4.0 (the church grounds)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Irregular assemblage of various parcels on westside of York Road, running back to a maximum depth of about 620 feet; approximately 230 feet of road frontage including parsonage, church, and lot occupied by extinct Kraumer House (demolished spring of 1980).

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE NONE

COUNTY NONE

STATE

NONE

COUNTY

NONE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John W. McGrain, Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE

June 11, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

TELEPHONE

494-3495

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

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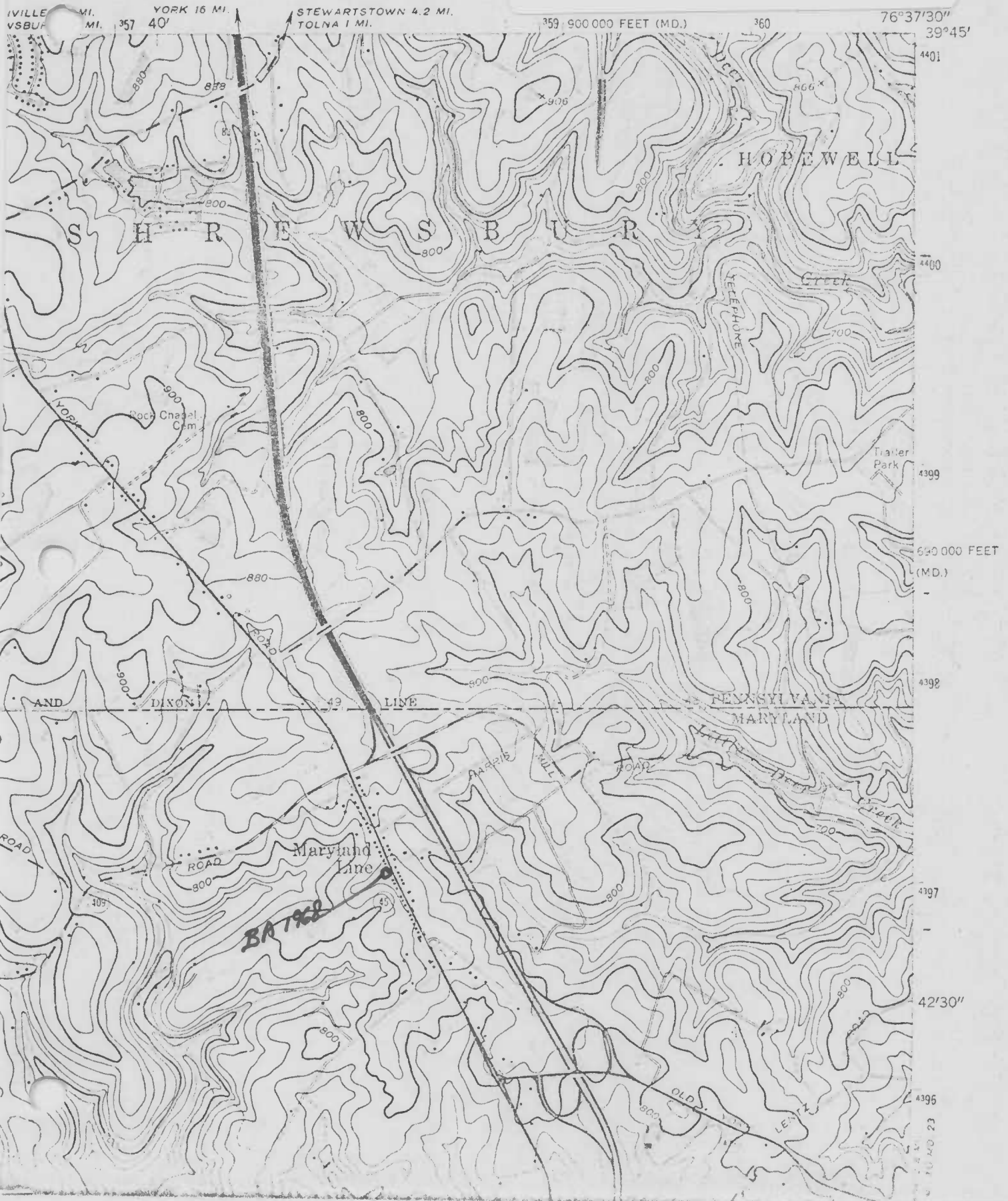
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Quad
NEW FREEDOM

5663 (SE
STEWARTSTOWN)





MARYLAND LINE U.M. CHURCH BA-1968
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, Oct 1979
Neg. located at MHT
SE corner; extinct Kraumer House



Worship
Services
10:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

MARYLAND LINE U.M. CHURCH BA 1968
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, Oct 1979
Neg. located at MHT
East & south facades



MARYLAND LINE U.M. CHURCH BA 1968
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, October 1979
Neg. located at MHT
Tower and E facade from SE



MARYLAND LINE U.M. CHURCH BA 1968
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, Oct 1979
Neg. located at MHT
East facade & entrance